

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 6, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 2-4 and 6 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

This Amendment places all claims 2-4 and 6 in condition for allowance, and surely in better condition for any appeal. Thus, entry of this Amendment and allowance of all claims 2-4 and 6 are respectfully requested.

1. Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hasegawa et al. U.S. Patent 5,556,500. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled, thereby mooting their rejection.

All claims 2-4 and 6 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 2-4 and 6 is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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